

Advent

Advent is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

Advent Sunday was 2nd December, which is when the new Church year begins. Advent is a time of hope, peace, joy and grace.

The run up to Christmas is something we generally associate with Christmas trees, buying presents, putting up lights and parties. But it started somewhat differently.

Watch: A Social Network Christmas - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sghwe4TTY18>

It tells the Nativity Story in a different way. It is word heavy so if you have students with weak reading abilities in your form you may want to get volunteers to read out the different parts. Or use the cartoon version of the nativity story:

Retooning the Nativity - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-4y5mK_o9E (IF YOU HAVE A YR 8 FORM PLEASE DO NOT WATCH THIS AS GUESTS ARE DOING IT WITH THEM IN RE).

Following Discussion Point

- What do you think about the Christmas story?

Watch: Santa vs Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCkNahb1j38&feature=plcp>

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- What do you think are the values our community puts on Christmas? (Consumerism, greed etc).
- Do you think these values are good?
- Do you think Christmas should be about more than gifts, decorations and food? (Goodwill, giving, hope, peace etc).
- Do you think Jesus has any relevance at Christmas?